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ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE BOARD

March 21, 1997

Mr. Dennis R. Hansen
Senior Vice President and Controller
Westamerica Bancorporation
1108 Fifth Avenue
San Rafael, California 94901

Dear Mr. Hansen:

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has approved the following application filed pursuant to section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act:

Westamerica Bancorporation, San Rafael, California, to acquire ValliCorp Holdings, Inc., and indirectly acquire Vallicorp's wholly owned subsidiary bank, Valliwide Bank, both of Fresno, California.

Material related to the Board's action is enclosed. Please advise the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in writing when the approved action is consummated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jennifer J. Johnson", is positioned above the printed name.

Jennifer J. Johnson
Deputy Secretary of the Board

Enclosures: Press Release
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cc: Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Jonathan D. Joseph, Esq.